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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi GOTOH, et al.

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FOR: ELECTRONIC DEVICE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF THE SAME, AND SPUTTERING TARGET

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (US 6,218,206 B1) on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference is mentioned in the specification.

**Reference AB (US 6,252,247 B1) on Form PTO-1449:**

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**Reference AO (11-337976) on Form PTO-1449:**

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an array substrate for a display device equipped with pixel electrodes which can be directly connected to aluminum wirings without a barrier metal by forming a connecting wiring part essentially comprising aluminum to electrically connect a pixel electrode and a switching element.

SOLUTION: A pixel electrode 13 containing at least indium, zinc and oxygen is arranged in the pixel region on a gate insulating film 9. The drain electrode 17 of a thin film transistor 6 consisting of a layered film of aluminum and molybdenum functions as a connecting electrode to be electrically connected to the pixel electrode 13. Namely, the pixel electrode 13 of an IZO film is directly connected to the aluminum wiring which forms the connecting electrode and drain electrode 17. Thus, even when zinc is directly connected to aluminum, zinc is hardly reduced by aluminum. Therefore, large increase in the contact resistance is prevented.

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